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SUBJECT Construction of Hydro-Electric Station
on Sava River at Zirovnica-Moste

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1. Work on the construction of a dam on the Sava River, some 100 meters north of an imaginary line running west from the village of Moste, was temporarily abandoned during the winter of 1948-1949, but has now been started again. The dam will be some 100 meters long.
2. A short distance north of the dam a tunnel, 4 by 4 meters, has been bored into the mountainside on the east. The tunnel runs south through the mountain below the village of Moste, which is built up on a spur overlooking the river and some 80 meters above it, and continues until it is level with the village of Zirovnica, south of Moste. Here the tunnel makes a sharp turn westwards and drops down in a steep slope to the underground chambers intended to house turbines for the projected power station, which are some 25 meters below the level of the Sava. The chambers are almost immediately below the old power station [REDACTED]

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3. The tunnel branches off into two other tunnels shortly before reaching the underground chambers. These branch tunnels lead to other underground chambers, also intended to house turbines, of which the locations are not known.
4. From the underground chambers described in paragraph 2, a tunnel leads under the river. This is intended to serve as a channel to discharge water flowing into the underground turbine chambers; the water is to be discharged into the Sava farther downstream on the west bank.
5. Machinery for the power station has not yet been received.
6. Some 400 to 500 workmen including political detainees, are employed on construction work. Skilled workers are few, and construction equipment is also scarce. The few cement mixers available are of [REDACTED] make.

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of the dam is to be 62 meters, and [REDACTED] the basin will have a capacity
of 2,000,000 cubic meters of water.

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